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Notice of Allowability	Applicati n No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 02 February 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-57.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachm nt(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John Freeman on May 19, 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

--said first and second outer support connection locations of said second bracket extending at a right angle with respect to said first bracket;-- has been added after "bracket," in claim 12, line 20.

--said first and second outer support connection locations of said second pair of brackets extending at a right angle with respect to said first pair of brackets;-- has been added after "plane;" in claim 33, line 29.

--said first and second outer support connection locations of said second bracket extending at a right angle with respect to said first bracket;-- has been added after "bracket," in claim 37, line 23.

--said first and second outer support connection locations of said second pair of brackets extending at a right angle with respect to said first pair of brackets;-- has been added after "plane;" in claim 54, line 32.

3. Claims 12-57 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claims 12-32: The prior art does not disclose or suggest a coupling element for an angle-measuring device for connecting a first component to a second component in a radially resilient, but torsion-proof manner with respect to the axis of rotation, wherein a first and second outer support location of a second bracket extends at a right angle with respect to a first bracket in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

With respect to claims 33-36: The prior art does not disclose or suggest a coupling element for an angle-measuring device for connecting a first component to a second component in a radially resilient, but torsion-proof manner with respect to the axis of rotation, wherein a first and second outer support locations of a second pair of brackets extends at a right angle with respect to a first pair of brackets in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

With respect to claims 37-53: The prior art does not disclose or suggest an angle-measuring device comprising a first and second outer support location of a second bracket

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extends at a right angle with respect to a first bracket in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

With respect to claims 54-57: The prior art does not disclose or suggest an angle-measuring device comprising a first and second outer support locations of a second pair of brackets that extends at a right angle with respect to a first pair of brackets in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

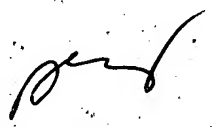
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amanda J Hoolahan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2246. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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